

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of drawings in Appendix A include(s) changes to Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig.3. The three (3) sheets, which include Figs. 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-3. The Replacement Figures include the "PRIOR ART" legend as required by the Examiner.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated November 14, 2005. Reconsideration and further examination of claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

**Objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.183(a)**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to shown the subject matter set forth in claim 2. Applicant has amended claim 2. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of skilled in the art to make or use the invention. The Applicant has amended the specification to correct errors in the detailed description. In particular, the Applicant has corrected the errors on page 9. The Applicant respectfully submits that the corrections to the specification obviate the rejection of claims 1-6 on the basis of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 2 on the basis of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. As discussed above the Applicant has amended claim 2 and amended the specification to correct various errors. The Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments obviate the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph**

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended whereby the antecedent basis for "washstand" connected to "hydraulic height adjuster" is presented in the body of claim 1, which has been amended to recite "a cylinder 15 vertically provided at the bottom of a **washstand 18.**"

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz and Applicant's Application No. 2002-0008351. In particular, the Examiner has stated that the Schwartz reference teaches all claimed elements except for the provision of the operational pipes. The Examiner has further stated that the Applicant's Application No. 2002-

0008351discloses an analogous hydraulic height adjuster which includes a cylinder having operational pipes.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite a structural configuration whereby the operational pipes supply water to one portion above or below the inner piston 16 while concurrently discharging from the other portion above or below the inner piston 16. The claimed structural configuration creates a hydraulic pressure difference that is not shown in the references presented by the Examiner. In particular, Schwartz states that “to lower the basin, the control arm 253 is placed in position C, thereby connecting the interior of the cylinder 243 to waste pipe by way of bore 255, passageway 265, and coupling 257, which as shown in FIGURE 6, connects to a section of drain trap 234.” Schwartz, Column 4, lines 6-10. This configuration causes the Schwartz reference to lower the washstand 12 by merely draining water from the cylinder 243 directly into the drain trap 234 as opposed to the cylinder containing a hydraulic pressure difference of claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all the elements of claim 1 are not taught by the combination of the references cited by the Examiner and amended claim 1 is therefore unobvious and patentable.

It is submitted that claims 2-6 are allowable because they further depend from and limit their independent claims, which are allowable over the cited art references based upon the above arguments.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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